

Popular Reading, Grades 1-2

E/Bauer, Marion - "Frog's Best Friend"

Frog learns how to share his best friend, Turtle, with the other animals.

E/ Cohen, Caron - "Digger Pig and the Turnip"

In this adaptation of a traditional folktale a dog, duck, and chick refuse to help a pig prepare a turnip pie but nevertheless expect to eat it when it's ready.

E/ Crummel, Susan – "Tumbleweed Stew"

Jack Rabbit tricks the other animals into helping him make a pot of tumbleweed stew.

E/ Cutler, Jane – "Rose and Riley"

Together, two good friends figure out how to prepare for the possibility of rain, how to celebrate un-birthdays, and what to do with worries.

E/ Gelman, Rita - "Pizza Pat"

A cumulative rhyme describes the choppy cheese, sloppy sausages, gloppy tomatoes, and floppy dough that are cooked into a pizza and enjoyed by dozens of mice.

E/ Hanel, Wolfram – "Weekend with Grandmother"

Tony's grandmother, whom he seldom gets to see, takes him on a weekend jaunt and proves to be a dynamic and resourceful companion.

E/ Herman, R. A. - "Pal the Pony"

Pal the pony is too little to participate in the rodeo but becomes the star of the ranch in a different way.

E/ Hulme, Joy – "Bubble Trouble"

Bubbles grow and flow, fly in the sky, and pop, but dipping the stick and blowing can make more.

E/McEwan, James - "Heart of Cool"

When Bobby moves to a new school, he tries to be the ultimate in cool by imitating Harry Haller, the coolest kid of all.

E/ McPhail, David – "Piggy's Pancake Parlor"

Piggy and Fox open a restaurant where they serve the delicious pancakes that Piggy makes by adding a secret ingredient.

E/ Michaels, Anna – "Best Friends"

Best friends Dan and Zack pick apples and find a snail in the garden. Includes activities and tips for helping a child become a better reader.

E/Miller, Sara – "Three More Stories You Can Read to Your Cat"

Stories addressed to cats and written from a cat's point of view, featuring such topics as birthday presents, snow and breakfast.

E/ Nolen, Jerdine - "Max and Jax in Second Grade"

Second grade twins Max and Jax prepare to start the summer off right with a fishing trip and a slumber party.

E/ Pilkey, Dave – "A Friend for Dragon"

Dragon becomes such close friends with an apple that he deeply mourns its loss and is overjoyed when more grow to take its place.

E/Rau, Dana - "Yahoo for You"

Grandma encourages a fearful child to try new things. Includes a note to parents.

E/ Ritchie, Alison – "Horrible Haircut"

When Mum decides to cut Lucy's long, tangly, messy hair, the activity becomes quite an adventure.

E/Roberts, Bethany – "May Belle and the Ogre"

May Belle knows just what to do with a pesky little Ogre.

E/Rylant, Cynthia – "Mr. Putter and Tabby Write the Book" (and others In the Mr. Putter Series)

During a big snow, Mr. Putter decides to write a mystery novel, but what he ends up with is entirely different.

E/Smith, Janice – "Jess and the Stinky Cowboys"

When a band of stinky cowboys comes to town while the sheriff is away and refuses to bathe, young Deputy Jess and and her aunt, Deputy Gussy, must find a way to enforce the No-Stink law.

E/ Thising, Lisa – "Aliens are Coming"

Peggy becomes very worried when she hears that the Aliens are coming, but then she learns that they are a rock band.

E/ Waite, Judy - "Digging for Dinosaurs"

Dan would rather dig for dinosaur bones in his back yard than go to a "musty, smelly and dusty" museum with his mother, though all he uncovers is some trash and an odd looking stone which he keeps throwing to his dog Bouncer, to chase.